



Midweek Study

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Strategies for Prevailing Prayer



HYMNS THAT INSPIRE PRAYER

A hymn is a type of song, and partially synonymous with devotional song, specifically written for the purpose of adoration or prayer, and typically addressed to a deity or deities, or to a prominent figure or personification. The word hymn derives from Greek ὕμνος (hymnos), which means "a song of praise". Church hymns are a form of worship. They serve as a prayer of thanks and an expression of commitment. Is singing hymns a form of prayer?

Augustine, the great fifth-century bishop of North Africa, who said, *"Those who sing pray twice."*

The words of our hymns are prayers, and when we sing them, we add to them a further dimension of honor and praise. Fifteen times, the Old Testament tells us to "sing to the LORD."

PRAYER OF ADORATION

- **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** (Jude 25; 1 Timothy 1:17)

PRAYER OF PEACE & ASSURANCE

- **What a Friend We Have in Jesus** (Philippians 4:6-7)
- **Like a River Glorious** (Isaiah 26:3; Isaiah 48:17-18)

PRAYER OF PRAISE

- **Stand Up For Jesus** (Ephesians 6:14)
- **Battle Belongs** (2 Chronicles 20; 1 Samuel 17:43; Psalm 144:1-2)

PRAYER OF THANKS

- **Thank You Lord, For Saving My Soul** (Ephesians 1:8)
- **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** (Lamentations 3:22-23)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

- **Take My Life and Let It Be** (1 John 1:7)
- **I Am Thine O Lord** (Hebrews 10:22)
- **Make My Life a Prayer to You** (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- **Trusting Jesus** (Proverbs 3:5)

PRAYER OF PETITION

- **Hear Our Prayer (Psalm 80:70)**
- **Lord, I Need You (Ephesians 3:11-12).**
- **Hear Our Prayer, O Lord (Daniel 9:17)**
- **In My Life Be Glorified (2 Thessalonians 1:12)**

PRAYER OF FAITH

- **My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Philippians 1:6)**
- **Pass Me Not (Hebrews 4:16)**
- **Take the World, But Give Me Jesus (John 12)**
- **His Mercy Is More (2 Chronicles 7:3)**
- **Tell It to Jesus (Matthew 11:28-30)**

PRAYER OF FELLOWSHIP

- **Sweet Hour of Prayer (Psalm 61:1)**
- **In the Garden (1 John 1:7)**
- **Beautiful Garden of Prayer (1 Peter 5:5-7)**
- **Leaning on the Everlasting Arms (Proverbs 18:10)**
- **My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Hebrews 12:1-2)**
- **Pass Me Not (1 Timothy 2:5)**

PRAYER FROM SCRIPTURE

- **The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)**

PRAYER OF COMFORT

- **Jesus Loves Me (Romans 8: 38-39)**

“Anyone who thinks that his time is too valuable to spend keeping quiet will eventually have no time for God and his brother, but only for himself and for his own follies.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer